# Proceedings of the Dolores County Board of County Commissioners

## May 20, 2019

A regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held in the boardroom in Dove Creek, Colorado on May 20, 2019. Present for the meeting were Chairperson Floyd Cook and Commissioner Steve Garchar. Also, present for the meeting were County Attorney Dennis Golbricht, County Administrator Margret Daves and Deputy Clerk to the Board Jody Gardner.

The meeting began with everyone standing to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Guests

Dolores County Mapping and Addressing Specialist Amber Fisher, Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis, Sheriff Don Wilson, Bureau of Land Management Representatives Tyler Fouss and Ellijah Waters, United States Forest Services Representative Derek Padilla, Social Services Director Malynda Evans, Chamber of Commerce Representative Kendra Cook, Farmers Telephone General Manager Terry Hinds and Representative Rodney Lipe.

## Approval of May 15, 2019 Payroll

TOTAL:	\$83,126.39	61 Employees	27 Part Time
Social Services:	\$6,170.69	5 Employees	
Admin Other:	\$23,284.78	19 Employees	1 Part Time
Mandatory Weed:	\$2,301.45	2 Employee	1 Part Time
Health & Nurse:	\$2,887.48	2 Employees	
Senior Services:	\$10,262.45	3 Employees	13 Part Time
Veterans Office:	\$480.22		1 Part Time
DCTV:	\$2,479.40		9 Part Time
Extension:	\$1,307.11	2 Employees	
EMA:	\$1,070.86	1 Employee	
County Coroner:	\$420.77	1 Employee	
County Sheriff:	\$10,746.63	8 Employees	2 Part Time
County Maintenance:	\$1,452.39	1 Employee	
GIS:	\$1,166.29	1 Employees	
Traffic Enforcement	\$1,571.97	1 Employee	
County Assessor:	\$4,021.56	4 Employees	
County Treasurer:	\$2,563.28	2 Employees	
County Clerk:	\$3,303.55	3 Employees	
County Commissioners:	\$7,693.33	6 Employees	
The following is a list of total payr	olls by Department:		

## **Agenda, Payroll and Expenditures**

Commissioner Garchar made a motion to accept the agenda with additions. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.

Both Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Garchar made a motion to accept payroll and expenditures. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.

Both Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

#### **Minutes**

Presented for approval were the End of the Month meeting minutes from April 30, 2019, the Special Meeting minutes from May 3, 2019 and the regular meeting minutes from May 6, 2019.

Commissioner Garchar made a motion to approve the above-mentioned minutes.

Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.

Both Commissioners voted in favor.

#### **Locater Discussion**

Mapping and Addressing Specialist Amber Fisher and Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis brought the issue of needing a locater service for County owned fiber in right of ways. The current locater, Clint Ratcliffe is retiring. Locater prices and liability insurance were issues of concern. A County owned locater would be beneficial for time efficiency purposes, especially when inclement weather and flooding becomes an issue with culvert maintenance and replacement. The discussion was tabled until further research could be conducted.

#### Pic N Hoe Update

Chamber of Commerce Representative Kendra Cook shared details for the upcoming Fourth of July Pic N Hoe celebration that she stepped up to help organize this year.

Commissioner Gachar made a motion to disperse donations funds of \$1050.00 to support Pic N Hoe.

Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.

Both Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

#### **AED Plan Approval**

The AED Plan Approval was rescheduled due to time restrictions.

## **Farmers Telephone System Approval and Locator Agreement**

Farmers Telephone Representatives Rodney Lipe and General Manager Terry Hinds were present to discuss a proposal for dial tone service to the ESI phone system. The transition would take the County phone services from Centurylink to Farmers Telephone. The proposal submitted will cost the County less than what is currently being paid for services through Centurylink. A benefit and key point of the transition is to assist the sheriff's office with forwarding incoming calls to dispatchers when on call. Voice over services were also discussed.

Commissioner Garchar made a motion directing Attorney Golbricht and Administrator Daves to research the current contract time left with Centurylink, with assistance from Terry Hinds regarding termination provisions, and then move forward with the transition to Farmers services.

Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.

Both Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Terry Hinds was asked by the BOCC as to whether Farmers would agree to be responsible for 811 locating of the County-owned fiber. Mr. Hinds stated that Farmers would commence performing that service for Dolores County, as they are already doing it for their own fiber in the area.

#### **Public Comment**

There was no one present for public comment.

## **Social Services Update**

Expenditure verses budget line items were discussed. Current cases were discussed as funds are being used rather quickly but should be within budget by year end.

Social Services Director Malynda Evans presented the Record of Proceedings from April 23, 2019 as well as the Financial Reconciliation Detail.

Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve the Record of Proceedings and the Reconciliation Detail. Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.

Both Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

The Dolores County Social Services staff, received for the fourth year in a row, the Annual County CSTAT Performance Award. Forty-four small to medium Counties throughout the State of Colorado were in the running for the award.

## Forest Service/BLM Update

**BLM**: Bureau of Land Management Representatives Tyler Rouss and Elijah Waters that is filling in for Connie Clementson were present.

**West Fork Fire Land Update:** US Forest Service Representative Derek Padilla presented an aerial map of the West Fork Fire Station parcel to show a possible corral location which would benefit permittees. The BOCC was in favor of the proposed location and appreciated the USFS willingness to allow the corral.

**Geyser Spring Trail:** Mr. Padilla requested County signage to notify the public of "no parking" for the Geyser Springs Trail at its previous trailhead. A prior easement was revoked during litigation with the landowner that the trailhead crossed. A new easement has been granted to the Forest Service at a different location with parking available to access the trailhead.

Sage Hen Loop Proposal: The Montezuma County Recreation Advisory Council met with the Forest Service to discuss a connection from Sage Hen to the Lower Dolores. The ultimate goal is to hook up with the Rim Rocker Trail. It will be up to each individual County to decide what their engagement effort is in making the trail connection. Motorized access will be allowed but perhaps only during a specific seasonal time period. Equestrian use, hiking and hunting will be allowed for a longer period. A five-year protocol process was entered into see how the trail usage affects Anasazi sights and to provide wildlife mitigation. A seasonal trail usage period is being considered to provide protection and a safe haven for the wildlife during the critical wintering months.

**USFS:** Forest Service Acting Field Manager Elijah Waters discussed the Transportation Access Planning (TAP) Phase 1 scoping period which ends this week. TAP 2 will offer education working sessions upon request.

Mr. Waters mentioned the open positions available on the Resource Advisory Committee (RAC). Mr. Ernie Williams will not be seeking to extend his position with the RAC therefore Dolores County will need to be represented. The Department of Interior is seeking a wide variety of applicants. The Tres Rios area is in need of a more diverse representation. Applications are due by June 14, 2019.

Approximately 200 acres were recently burned near the county line as part of the beginning seasonal management for overgrowth.

Commissioner Garchar quizzed Mr. Waters on a right of way fee the Town of Dove Creek is paying to the USFS for the water supply line from the Pumps to the Town. Mr. Waters will look into the details of the fee.

#### **New Business**

Farmer's Telephone Proxy: After discussion and review of the applicants it was decided to proceed as follows:

Commissioner Garchar made a motion to vote and sign the Farmers Telephone Proxy voting in favor of Dixie Lee and David Schaak.

Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.

Both Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

**Library Board Recommendation:** The Library Board recommended Patsy Smith for the board position previously held by Nadine Funk. Ms. Funk retired in February. Ms. Smith held a position as the Library Director of the Mancos Public library for 18 years providing her with extensive library experience.

Commissioner Garchar made a motion to approve Ms. Smith for the Library Board open position.

Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.

Both Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

**Lottery Fund Requests:** County Administrator Margret Daves shared the details of the Lottery Fund Requests received. Two requests were received. The Lottery Board chose to fully fund both requests.

Commissioner Garchar made a motion to accept and support the Lottery Board recommendations.

Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.

Both Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

**Cabin Canyon Maintenance Discussion:** County Administrator Margret Daves and Commissioner Floyd Cook met USFS Representative Tom Rice last week at the Cabin Canyon day use facility for a walk through. The County will maintain the area for public use. A bid was requested for mowing services. The Forest Service will provide paint for the picnic tables. The County will have the weeds sprayed as soon as the mowing is completed.

#### **Old Business**

#### Possible Adoption of Resolution #5-19-01 for the Final Approval Authorizing the Purchase of Real Property:

Attorney Golbricht shared the details of some recent phone calls with the seller and family.

Commissioner Garchar made a motion at the request of the seller to drop the proposed property purchase contract. Attorney Golbricht will notify the title company. The seller will be asked to reimburse the County for the survey and attorney costs incurred assisting the seller with the probate process.

Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.

Both Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Continued Transfer Station Bid Proposal Discussion: The discussion was postponed.

**Transfer Station Salvage Rights:** The BOCC decided to leave the transfer station salvage rights with the previous attendant until a decision is reached on the future operations of the transfer station.

#### **Meetings and Information**

Attorney Golbricht shared details from a phone call he had received from San Miguel's Attorney Amy Markwell concerning Road 40J. In a previous joint effort, San Miguel County and Dolores County fought to allow access to the top of Lone Cone via Road 40J. The land was sold to the State Land Board which closed off the road and eliminated San Miguel County's ability to condemn the road. The two County's went to the SLB and were basically, told to "go away" until the lease was up in 2020. With that deadline approaching, it appears that the SLB is now interested in opening up the road. A two-day meeting is set for June 12, 2019 in Telluride for a field trip and a meeting with the San Miguel County Commissioners.

#### **Executive Session**

**Personnel Discussion Regarding HR Matters and to Receive Legal Advice:** A request was made per Commissioner Garchar for an Executive Session to receive legal advice regarding an HR issue. Attorney Golbricht cited CRS 24-602(4)(b) stating that the discussion was privileged attorney client information and therefore no recording or minutes would be kept.

Commissioner Garchar made a motion to enter into Executive Session.
Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.
Both Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Garchar made a motion to end the Executive Session.
Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.
Both Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Discussion of Possible Lots Purchase: An Executive Session was not needed.

Commissioner Cook adjourned the meeting.

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